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In Re Application Of:

Laflamme

Serial No.
09/709,787

Filing Date
11/07/2000

Examiner
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Group Art Unit
2125

Title: Spa Controller Computer Interface for Spas

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/709,787 filed on 11/07/2000 and entitled:

Spa Controller Computer Interface for Spas

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. ☐ This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed. 03/05/2004 BABRAHA1 00000114 09709787

5. ☐ Small Entity Status:

01 FC:2006	385.00 OP
02 FC:2202	234.00 OP
03 FC:2201	258.00 OP

a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.

b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

6. ☐ The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	46	- 20 =	26	x \$9.00	\$234.00
Indep. Claims	9	- 3 =	6	x \$43.00	\$258.00
Multipl Depend nt Claims (ch ck if applicabl) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$385.00
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8. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$ 1087.00** is enclosed.

9. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

- a. ☐ PTO-1449
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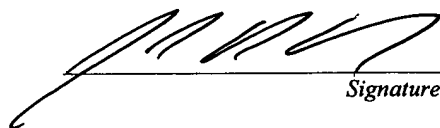
C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

Dated: 03/01/2004


Signature

John R. Ross, III

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Amendment B

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Sir,

This letter is in response to Office Action dated 09/30/2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.